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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. At the USIB meeting of 25 June 1970 the question was asked if any Soviet official had ever stated that "national means of verification" included other than photoreconnaissance satellites.

The DCI was told that a Soviet delegate at the SALT talks had stated that the Soviets included other types of satellites within the context of national means.

2. The details of this statement are: During an informal meeting earlier this month with US Delegate Nitze, Soviet Delegate A. N. Shchukin (electronics specialist) clarified the Soviet use of the phrase "conformity with international law" when referring to national means of verification. Shchukin said this phrase covered only espionage and was not intended to refer to satellites. He said that both "observational" satellites and satellites "using other sensors" would be the correct and essential way of assuring verification.

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